Climate Change Activities within the Department of Fish and Game Update for May 1, 2008 – June 10, 2008

• Seminar on climate change and ecological resources in California (June 6):

A joint climate change seminar was held by DFG and the CA Energy Commission, Public Interest Research (PIER) group. The workshop brought together nine different researchers to talk about the impacts of climate change specific to California.

- o The seminar was well attended with more than 95 participants in attendance and 35 participants on the web.
- The seminar Web cast will be archived and available on the DFG intranet.

• Workshop: Crafting a climate change adaptation strategy for fish and wildlife (June 13):

- This workshop is intended as a way to build on existing efforts to implement California's Wildlife Action Plan while incorporating a climate change context into the process.
- As a first step we are brining together select DFG staff who are familiar with the action plan and one representative from each of our stakeholder organizations/agencies to participate.
- o Participants will help craft a preliminary framework that can be used to solicit input from a broader audience. This is by no means a closed process but requires a smaller group to lay the initial groundwork.
- o Currently we have reached our target of 60 participants. 37 are DFG staff and all regions of the Department will be represented.

• Climate change outreach to the regions

o Armand Gonzales provided a climate change briefing to the Region 5 all-staff meeting in May. This presentation included a short climate change overview and information on the Department's efforts to address climate change. A similar presentation is planned for Region 1 in June.

• Director's Climate Change Task Force:

- o The Task Force will meet on June 17th
- The agenda will focus on our efforts to meet the Climate Change Action Registry deadline, DFG vehicle/DGS strategy, DFG's climate change adaptation strategy for fish/wildlife, and a group discussion on carbon sequestration.
- In addition, there will be a presentation on corridors and connectivity in a changing climate from UC Davis and an update from the Resource Agency on climate change activities.

• Participation and Coordination with the Resource Agency:

- Climate Action Team (CAT) sub groups: Staff actively participates in these meetings and advises the state on factors relating to adaptation and mitigation for climate change effects on natural resources.
- State-wide Adaptation Strategy: DFG's Climate Change Advisor is working closely with the Deputy Secretary for Climate Change and Energy to coordinate and participate in the Resource Agency's activities.

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